

Public Meeting in Cheyenne to Discuss Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative

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The Executive Committee of the Wyoming Landscape Conservation Initiative (WLCI) will meet Friday, May 15 at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Cheyenne.

The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 12:30 p.m. During the meeting, the Executive Committee will discuss potential partnering opportunities, receive a science workshop update, review the Wyoming Game and Fish strategic plan highlights, and discuss WLCI expansion possibilities. They will also hear updates on various WLCI projects and committees. The meeting will follow a three-day workshop in Laramie to look at science that contributes to the WLCI.

The WLCI is a long-term science-based effort to assess and enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitats at a landscape scale in Southwest Wyoming, while facilitating responsible development of the region's valuable energy resources.

The WLCI Executive Committee is comprised of representatives from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Game & Fish Department, Wyoming Department of Agriculture, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, county commissioners and conservation districts. Sublette County Commissioner John Linn is currently serving as chairman of the committee. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Wyoming Field Supervisor Brian Kelly is first vice chair and Wyoming Game and Fish Department Director Steve Ferrell is second vice chair.

The meeting is open to the public, and visitors will have the opportunity to comment. The BLM office is located at 5353 Yellowstone Road in Cheyenne. More information on the WLCI, as well as a draft agenda for the meeting, can be found at: <http://www.wlci.gov/>.